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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cap for a container, comprising:

a mouldingcap body, the mouldingcap body comprising a retaining portion for engaging the container and a cover member retaining the cap thereon, the cover member further including a frangibly removable portion which is removable to expose at least partly a closure member stopper for the container, and a user engageable member operable by a user to remove the removable portion; and

a protective portion for the engageable member and provided radially outwardly thereof of the cover member, the protective portion being formed separately of the mouldingcap body and being attached thereto about an outer edge of the cover member.
2. (Currently amended) The cap as claimed in or Claim claim 1, wherein the protective portion is removably attached to the mouldingcap body.
3. (Currently amended) The cap of Claim 1-claim 1, wherein the protective portion comprises a wall which extends generally about the periphery of the engageable member, the wall having at least one opening therethrough.
4. (Previously presented) The cap of claim 3, wherein said opening is sufficiently large to allow radial access by a user's finger to the engageable member.
5. (Currently amended) The cap of Claim 4, wherein the opening allowing such radial access is located opposite to a portion of the mouldingcap body which connects the engageable member and the removable portion.

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6. (Currently amended) The cap of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein the removable portion has an inclined surface to assist drainage thereof when the cap is in an upright position.
7. (Currently amended) The cap of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein the protective portion is ~~in the form of a removable~~ from about cover over the engageable member.
8. (Currently amended) A package comprising a container with a mouth, a stopper removably inserted into said mouth, a cap overlying said stopper, wherein the cap comprises a ~~moulding~~cap body provided with a frangibly removable portion which is removable to expose at least partly the stopper and with a user engageable member operable by a user to remove the removable portion, and wherein the cap further comprises a protective portion for the engageable member and provided radially outwardly thereof, the protective portion being formed separately of the ~~moulding~~cap body and being attached thereto about an outer perimetrical rim of the cap body.
9. (Currently amended) The cap of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said cap is provided with a tamper-evident member that is removably attached to the cap.
10. (Currently amended) The cap of ~~Claim~~claim 9, wherein said tamper-evident ~~membe~~member is a ring which engages beneath the lip of the container.